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1. SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO QUAI AND ELYSEE SOURCES FRENCH ARE

SATISFIED WITH OUTCOME OF EC SUMMIT, ALTHOUGHT THEY WOULD HAVE PREFERRED MORE ATTENTION TO POMPIDOU'S ORIGINAL EMPHASIS ON EUROPE'S POLITICAL DIMENSION IN HIS CALL FOR SUMMIT. FRENCH CONTINUE TO BE SCEPTICAL RE US ASSURANCES OF SUPPORT FOR EUROPEAN UNITY, AND CLAIM TO BE UNCERTAIN OF NATURE AND PURPOSE OF SECRETARY'S ENERGY ACTION GROUP INITIATIVE. FRENCH FORESEE ORDERLY, IF UNHURRIED, PROGRESS TOWARD EUROPEAN UNION AND INSTITUTIONALIZED EC SUMMITS. END SUMMARY.

2. DUFOURCQ (QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR WESTERN EUROPE) REVIEWED WITH US GOF VIEWS OF COPENHAGEN SUMMIT. HE NOTED THAT RECENT EVENTS SHIFTED FOCUS OF SUMMIT AWAY FROM LONG-RANGE POLITICAL EXCHANGE ENVISIONED BY POMPIDOU TOWARD CONCENTRATION ON MORE IMMEDIATE ENERGY CRISIS. WHILE FRENCH WOULD HAVE PREFERRED GREATER ATTENTION TO ORIGINAL CONCEPT FOR MEETING AS SUGGESTED BY POMPIDOU, THEY WERE SATISFIED WITH OUTCOME OF SUMMIT. DUFOURCQ ADDED THAT NEITHER FRENCH NOR OTHER EC MEMBERS HAD INVITED ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS TO COPENHAGEN. THEY INVITED THEMSELVES DURING ALGIERS ARAB SUMMIT. NEVERTHELESS EC, ACCORDING TO DUFOURCQ, INTENDS TO CONTINUE DIALOGUE WITH ARABS IN EFFORT TO ESTABLISH CLOSER COOPERATION NOT ONLY ON ENERGY MATTERS, BUT ALSO OTHER ISSUES SUCH AS FLOW OF CAPITAL TO ARABS AND SUPPLY OF RAW MATERIALS TO EUROPE.

3. EC POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS AND SUMMIT. WHILE DUFOURCQ DID NOT GO INTO SPECIFICS, HE SAID EC WOULD RAPIDLY DEVELOP MACHINERY FOR CLOSER POLITICAL CONSULTATION AND COMMON ACTION RELATED TO CRISIS CONSULTATION AND LONGER RUN EUROPEAN SUBSTANTIVE GOALS. WHILE IT WAS TRUE THAT THE SUMMIT HAD NOT ACCEPTED FORMALLY FRENCH SUGGESTION FOR REGULAR SUMMITS, SAID DUFOURCQ, IN FACT GERMANS PLAN EC SUMMIT IN MAY OR JUNE, AND GOF (WHICH SUCCEEDS FRG AS PRESIDENT OF EC COUNCIL IN MID-1974) WILL CONVENE EC SUMMIT DURING ITS TENURE. IN THIS WAY, SAID DUFOURCQ, FRENCH HOPE THAT EC WILL ESTABLISH PATTERN OF REGULAR SUMMITS. ALTHOUGH SMALLER MEMBERS FEAR THAT LARGER EC POWERS WILL USE SUMMIT TO IMPOSE THEIR DOMINATION, DUFOURCQ BELIEVES THAT SMALLER COUNTRIES WILL NOT WANT TO FOREGO SUMMITRY WHEN THEIR TURNS COME AS COUNCIL PRESIDENT.

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4. ENERGY ACTION GROUP. IN RESPONSE TO OUR INQUIRY ABOUT ABSENCE OF REFERENCE IN EC SUMMIT CONCLUDING STATEMENT TO SECRETARY'S LONDON PROPOSAL FOR AN ENERGY ACTION GROUP (EAG), DUFOURCQ SAID THAT GOF DID NOT KNOW IF SECRETARY'S PROPOSAL WAS TACTICAL MOVE TO COMPLICATE EC SUMMIT, OR SIMPLY OUTLINE OF WHAT MIGHT BE A MORE COMPLETE US PROPOSAL. IN ANY EVENT, HE CONTINUED, FRANCE WOULD NEED MORE INFORMATION THAN THAT CONTAINED IN LONDON SPEECH BEFORE IT COULD REACH JUDGMENT. WHILE DUFOURCQ SAID OECD WAS PERFECTLY GOOD FORUM TO ACCOMPLISH IMPROVED COOPERATION ON ENERGY MATTERS. WE SUGGESTED THIS WOULD BE GOOD SUBJECT FOR US/GOF

DIALOGUE -- PERHAPS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF SECRETARY'S VISIT TO PARIS -- DESIGNED TO RESPOND TO FRANCE'S SPECIFIC QUESTIONS RE SECRETARY'S PROPOSAL. COMMENTS ON THIS SUBJECT BY QUAI DEPUTY POLITICAL DIRECTOR ARE IN PARIS 32338; COMMENTS BY ELYSEE ADVISOR ARE IN PARIS 32346

5. US/EUROPEAN "SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP." DUFOURCQ UNDERTOOK LONG NEGATIVE INTERPRETATION OF SECRETARY'S LONDON SPEECH, SAYING THAT IT SEEMED A STEP BACK FROM SECRETARY'S APPROACH WITH EC MINISTERS IN BRUSSELS AND RETURNED TO ALL THE "OLD SIGNS OF US HEGEMONY" WHICH FRANCE REJECTS, E.G., IDEA OF SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EUROPE AND AMERICA; NEED FOR EUROPEANS TO CONSULT WITH US BEFORE ESTABLISHING EUROPEAN POINT OF VIEW ON SUBJECTS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. WE REPLIED THAT WE COULD NOT ACCEPT IDEA THAT THERE IS ANYTHING OTHER THAN A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP AMONG NATIONS OF ATLANTIC COMMUNITY, SHARING AS THEY DO SUCH SIMILAR HISTORICAL, SOCIAL, POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND IDEOLOGICAL TIES. DUFOURCQ RETORTED THAT SPECIAL RELATION BETWEEN U.S. AND UK DEMONSTRATES SUBSERVIENCE THAT U.S. IMPOSES ON COUNTRIES WITH WHICH IT HAS "SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP." UK NUCLEAR FORCE IS TOTALLY DEPENDENT ON U.S. WE RESPONDED TO THIS FAVORITE FRENCH ARGUMENT BY POINTING OUT THAT, IN REAL WORLD, UK DECISION-MAKING REGARDING USE OF ITS NUCLEAR FORCES IS AS "INDEPENDENT" AS THAT OF FRENCH. FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCE IS THAT UK HAS CHOSEN TO COOPERATE WITH U.S. AND NATO IN NUCLEAR PLANNING WITH VIEW TOWARD STRENGTHENING WESTERN DETERRENT, WHILE FRANCE REMAINS ALOOF. THIS HARDLY QUALIFIES AS A SIGNIFICANT MEASUREMENT OF "INDEPENDENCE." IN FACT, WE CONTINUED, THE U.S., UK AND FRANCE ITSELF ARE SUBJECTED TO A NUMBER OF RESTRAINTS ON THE USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, IMPOSED BY PRUDENCE AND STRATEGIC BALANCE. WE CONCLUDED THAT WE DID NOT FIND PERSUASIVE THE FRENCH VIEW OF
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"SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP" AS A COVER FOR "U.S. HEGEMONY."

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